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1. On 5 June 1951, an alert flight of eight jet fighters was parked on the southern edge of Grossenhain airfield. Aircraft numbers 13, 16, 21, 31, 40, and 59 were identified. Two of the aircraft, except for the assemblies and white-bordered Soviet stars. * Two small bulges were seen on each wing. Three trucks, two tank trucks, two jeeps, and a trailer equipped for the transportation of troops were parked near the planes.
2. Six swept-back jet fighters were parked in front of the large hangars which were almost square in shape. One of the planes had a red upper edge on its rudder assembly. Four additional swept-back jet fighters and eight single-engine low-wing monoplanes with radial engines and painted gray green were parked in front of other hangars. At 11:25 a.m. an open truck with a rod on top towed a swept-back jet fighter from one hangar to the northern edge of the field, probably to the firing range. There was no flying between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. although the weather was good. Some soldiers worked on the jet planes in front of the hangars. They started the engines several times.
3. Boxes of different sizes were seen on the loading ramp of the spur track. They were made of plywood with struts. Six of them seemed large enough to hold two wings of a swept-back jet fighter each. The other boxes were longer and wider and about as large as a medium-sized boxcar of 15 tons capacity. They had vaulted roofs and attachments of various shapes and sizes. There were five boxes of this type including two with the numbers 245 and 247 on their sides. About 30 smaller boxes of different sizes and shapes were also seen on the ramp. A local resident said that the boxes had arrived about 12 days ago.

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4. On 23 May, it was observed that the jet fighters of the alert flight had red numbers and red tips on their rudder assemblies. On 29 May, the jet fighters with two-digit numbers had red tips on their rudder assemblies, whereas the planes with three-digit numbers had no special markings.

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5. Between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., on 4 June, four jet planes with the red numbers 12, 18, 31, and 40 and red stripes on the upper edges of their padder assemblies circled over the field. Four additional jet planes were parked in front of the large hangar.

6. On 9 June, there was no flying because of bad weather. Eight stand-by planes with the red numbers 12, 18, 40, 57, 509, 519, and 666 were parked on the southern edge of the field. One of the planes had no number. It was apparently going to be given one since a pot with red paint was suspended from a ladder leaning against the cockpit. Only the planes with two-digit numbers had a red stripe on the upper edges of their padder assemblies.

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7. On 10 June, there was no flying because of thunderstorms and rain. The aircraft observed on 9 June were with the alert tactical formation on 11 June. There was no flying. The weather was cloudy.

8. Between 1:45 and 6 p.m. on 12 June, there was flying by a gray blue single-engine plane with the red number 20, two biplanes and 15 jet aircraft with the numbers 12, 18, 32, 56, 57, 58, 60, 104, 109, 239, 578, 579, 661, 666, and 756. At 2:30 p.m. a gray-green three-engine plane with a bulky fuselage, and a wing span of about 35 meters took off from the field and headed east. The weather was good.

9. A local resident who worked near the spur track said that a train loaded with large boxes had arrived at the field about 1 June.

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1 Annex: 1 - sketch on ditto.

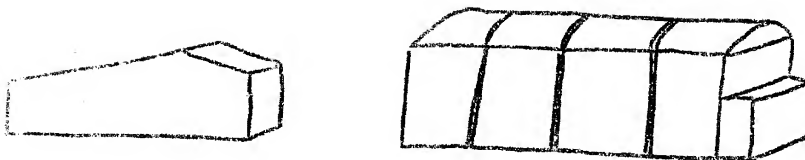
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Boxes Seen at Grossenhain Airfield



Different shapes of attachments.



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